

2009 Youth in Transition Conference

"Three Legs of the Stool: Balance Equals Success"

Invitation to:

- * Students with disabilities and their parents
- * Educators
- * Employment Professionals
- * Case Managers
- * Rehabilitation Counselors

Workshops Include:

Self-advocacy
IEPs and Transition
Building Partnerships
Housing & Residential
Post-secondary Education
Social Security Information
Assistive Technology
Careers and Training
Independent Living
... and more!

Just as a stool needs three legs to remain standing, an effective transition needs partnerships between families, schools and supporting agencies. The MT Association on Rehabilitation and MT Youth Transitions have joined together to present the *2nd Annual Montana Youth Transitions Conference* as an opportunity for students—and their support teams—to network, explore resources, and learn together how to build meaningful transitions.

The highlight of this conference will be the special needs of youth with autism and their families. In addition, a variety of services, programs, and best practices will be presented to facilitate an even greater cooperation between all partners in the transition process.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Through the generous support of the *Office of Public Instruction* and the *North Central Independent Living Center*, we are pleased to announce our exciting line-up of keynote presentations.

JONATHAN MOONEY is a dyslexic writer and activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000. Jonathan is founder and President of Project Eye-To-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. He is a leader in LD/ADHD disabilities, alternative education and Cognitive Diversity.

DEBRA WHITEHEAD is a Senior Consultant and Trainer with Creative Training, Accelerating Talent (CTAT). She facilitates learning and skill development in areas of leadership, team development and ethics in decision making, for schools and agencies serving people with disabilities. She holds a BS in Special Education and has over 25 years of experience in Human Resources and Training and Development.

STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND FAMILY PANEL: Many Montana families are working at developing the relationships and resources they need to help facilitate happy and meaningful transitions into adult life. Some of those families will describe their journeys through this process.

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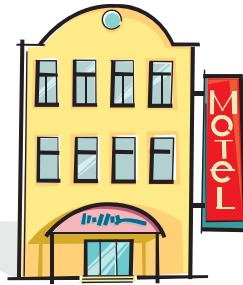
LODGING INFORMATION:

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels and will be available until **September 22, 2009**. Rooms are listed under: **MT Association of Rehab.**

War Bonnet Inn
Buttewarbonnet.com
1-800-443-1806

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn
1-406-494-3500

Hampton Inn
1-406-494-2250



Additional ACCESSIBLE
rooms have been reserved at:

Days Inn
1-406-494-7000

**Holiday Inn Express
(Parkside)**
1-888-897-0084

Cost of Attendance:

Individual: \$125.00
2-5 Persons: \$475.00
6-10 Persons: \$950.00
Student: \$25.00
Parent: \$25.00
Paraeducator: \$100.00
MAR Member: \$125.00



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Supporting Agencies

Office of Public Instruction ~ Governor's Office of Community Service ~ Cut Bank Public Schools
MT Youth Leadership Forum ~ MT Vocational Rehabilitation
MT Assoc. for Rehabilitation ~ MT School for the Deaf and Blind ~ MT Center on Disabilities